

possibilities to invest in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). An official delegation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia visited India in November 1991 to participate in the Third Session of Indo-Saudi joint commission at which a number of issues including possibilities of Saudi Investment in India were discussed.

Supply of Associated Gas to Rajasthan

4861. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Government of Rajasthan asking for allocation of some quantity of the associated gas from the proposed gas grid of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government so far in this regard; and

(c) the quantity of this gas likely to be allocated by the Union Government to Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

12.00 hrs

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: Yesterday, an agreement was reached that those who did not speak yesterday would be given a chance

reserve forest & sanctuary in Karnataka

today. So, today I am thinking to give a chance to those sitting on the back benches. Shrimati Chandra Prabha Urs..

RE: FIRE IN NAGARHOLE RESERVE FOREST AND SANCTUARY IN KARNATAKA

[Translation]

*SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA (Mysore): The deliberate burning of forest area at Nagarhole recently is one of the most inhuman, monstrous and atrocious acts of the mankind perpetrated against nature. This matter has not been properly dealt with either by the Centre or the State Govt.

Sir, Nagarhole in Hunsur Taluk is a serene place with beautiful flora and fauna. This forest area now looks like a grave yard because of the cruel act of the Anti Social elements and thieves. With great anguish and deep pain, I am reporting this here.

Hunsur is may Taluk and Nagarhole is just 30 Kms from Hunsur Mysore. Distt I had the opportunity to see and enjoy the Seren beauty of Nagarhole.

One Mr. Ullas Karanth has killed several Tigers and Leopards in the name of research during the last few years. Enmity is growing day after day between the Girijans, tribes and forest Officials. often I have written to the State Govt. about the prevailing situation in this area. I requested the Hon'ble Minister and concerned officials to stop Mr. Ullas from the so called Research activities. But that remained only a cry in the wilderness.

It is an irony that those who have to protect forests are begging for their own lives.

The unfortunate incident of firing that took place on 13th and 14th of March has taken life of one person. After this incident